

Hurricane Harvey Response 2017 and

Community Liaison (CL) Report

TO: Alpha Team Leader

FROM: CL Team: Carol Ropski and Dorelle Harrison

SUBJECT: Summary Activity by the Team on September 21, 2017

COUNTY: San Patricio County, Texas

DATE: 09/21/2017

SUMMARY:

- Visited the **Ingleside EOC** located in the Fire Department in Ingleside TX. Spoke with Ms. Shanna K. Owens, Emergency Management Planner (sowens@ingleside.tx.gov) (361-229-3186). She mentioned that most of the damage caused by Harvey was wind damage. The wind damaged the roofs of homes which cause water damage that leaked through the roof. This has caused mold to set in. The Ingleside EOC was a level 3 EOC, the mold in city buildings caused the EOC to upgrade to a level 2. The City hired a contractor to mitigate the mold in the schools so they may open. The first day of school is scheduled to start on October 2, 2017. The schools in San Patricio are accepting students from other districts who were affected by Harvey. Shanna said housing is needed for the area. Residents are returning to homes with mold issues because they have nowhere else to go. We informed her that FEMA has temporary housing for people to transition into homes once repaired. Shanna stated that she was aware of this and most of the Ingleside residents do not qualify. Internet was not available for one week after Harvey. All of the residents that she is aware of are on city water. Although City water was not affected, Shanna mentioned that Corpus Christi offered water testing for \$20. Upon leaving the Ingleside EOC, we filled out an ICS Form 214 for her records. We obtained a copy of the completed 214s.
- Visited the Portland EOC personnel located in the City Hall. While it was mobilized, it was located in the Portland Police Department. It was deactivated on August 30, 2017. Ms. Becky Stewart, Emergency Manager, (bstewart@portlandpd.com) (361-777-4705), was not available. Mr. Brian Delatte, Assistant City Manager, (brian.delatte@portlandtx.com) (361-777-4516) was also a part of the emergency management team. We spoke with Annette Hall, City Secretary, (Annette.hall@portlandtx.com) (361-777-4513). Annette stated that the wind caused most of the damage to fences and trees. The City asked the residents to evacuate but some chose to stay. Some of the town lost power, but the EOC maintained power with the use of generators. The EOC lost its generator to the Water Treatment Plant. The water was shut down for about 10 hours and cell service was lost for a short time. School is back in session and they have 1700 new students that came in from other counties where schools were damaged. The City Hall welcomed our resource materials but referred us to the City Director of Marketing and Communications, Ms. Mona Gandy (mona.Gandy@portlandtx.com) (361-777-4651). We visited Mona who is located in the Portland Chamber of Commerce building. She informed us that she provided most of her Harvey information through Portland's website which is linked to the

Portland Facebook page. During Harvey and shortly after she was receiving about 100,000 hits to the City's Facebook page for information and resources. She was very interested in EPA resources and flyers for Harvey victims. We emailed EPA fact sheets to her so she can post them on the Facebook page. She will also network with the surrounding counties to disseminate the resources to them as well.

- Visited the San Patricio County EOC which was located at 313 N Rachal Street, Sinton, TX 78387 in the Plymouth Annex. There was no one there at the time of our visit.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

- Shanna and her staff are doing a good job running operations.
- Mona had a great spirit she was great and communicating resources to her people.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Mold is an issue for the community.
- Most people have nowhere to go and would like housing while home repairs and mold is being mitigated.